

THE MONEY IS BEING RAISED

TO DRILL FOR GAS AND OIL IN
SHERMAN COUNTY.

Organization Has Been Formed by
Local Men and Much Progress
Being Made.

A meeting of the business men of Goodland was held last Friday night at the office of T. P. Leonard, for the purpose of organizing a company to prospect for oil, gas, artesian water or other valuable mineral deposits in this county.

Prof. W. H. Hill, an expert geologist, was present and gave his view on the subject of the probability of oil and gas being found here. It was his opinion that the geological formation and outcrop along the creeks in this county indicated unmistakably the existence of oil and gas in this locality.

A preliminary organization was formed and the following officers were elected: J. H. Stewart, president; Alfred Dawson, vice president; R. A. Kent, treasurer; T. P. Leonard, secretary. An executive committee of seven was appointed, consisting of Hugh Dyatt, F. A. Carmichael, C. E. Swartz, W. A. Smith, C. M. Millstick, T. E. Townsend and John Hartley.

The meeting adjourned to Saturday evening to hear Mr. Hill, who proposed to investigate the country lying along the Beaver creek on the north, as he already had examined the country lying along the north fork of the Smoky Hill river. At the Saturday evening meeting the citizens listened to his report, and an organization was formed, preliminary to incorporation of a stock company.

The executive committee held a meeting Monday forenoon and drew up a form of subscription to stock. The maximum amount of stock was fixed at \$10,000 and the minimum at \$5,000.

When \$2,000 is raised a charter will be taken out and a permanent organization formed. Substantial business men are back of the movement, and the experimental well will be put down. Messrs. Dyatt and Carmichael of the executive committee are both practical miners. Others of the association are quite well versed in geology, and the unanimous opinion of all present was that indications in this locality point unmistakably to valuable mineral deposits.

SOME WET WEATHER.

Misty Condition in Sherman County
for Several Days.

Considerable moisture visited this section of country Monday and Tuesday, the weather being cloudy and mist falling until the surface of the ground became quite muddy. This moisture braced up winter wheat, and as the temperature was not low, it did considerable good.

The ground, until this last precipitation, was getting dry on top, but underneath there seems to be a fine condition of cultivated soil.

New Restaurant Opened.

Having bought the business, stock and fixtures of the Lemmer restaurant and lunch room, I cordially invite the patronage of the public. I will serve short orders or board by the week at reasonable rates. Everything neat and clean and the best of good things to eat. Call and see for yourselves. JAMES SVOBODA.

KILLED CAR INSPECTOR.

Run Over by Switch Engine at Phillipsburg Last Thursday Night.

The most careful railroad man in the state was killed while on duty. We often hear of the careful man getting killed by the cars or being run over by an engine, and just such a case happened in the yards here last Thursday night when T. L. Cook, a car inspector, was struck by the switch engine and killed.

Train No. 27 had just pulled in from the east, and as had been his custom, Mr. Cook stepped across the track to the north side of the train to inspect same. The switch engine had pushed a caboose up on track one and was coming down to get in behind the passenger train and cut off the dining car. Mr. Cook in some manner stepped in the way of the approaching switch engine and fell in the center of track, passing under the foot-board and dragged under the engine between sixty and ninety feet.

The engineer pulling the passenger train witnessed the accident and called to the engineer on the switch engine that he had hit somebody. When the engine stopped Mr. Cook was found near same, one hand grasping a rod and it was all one man could do to loosen his grasp. He was pulled out from under the engine and taken into the depot, later being taken to his home in the northwest part of town, where he died about 1:45.

Tom Cook had been in the employ of the company for many years in one capacity or another and was a good workman. As we have said before, he was considered one of the most careful men in the yards, and it was a great surprise to everybody to learn that he had been caught by the switch engine. It is mighty dangerous working around the trains in the yards here, especially at night, and with such precaution cannot be exercised.

Mr. Cook was 53 years old the 13th day of last July. He was born in the state of Indiana and came to Kansas several years ago. The funeral was held Sunday, interment being made in the cemetery at Germantown, a little village six miles north of Kensington, where one of Mr. Cook's children was buried some years ago. A special train was chartered by the Odd Fellows and Woodmen lodges to convey the remains to Kensington, and about one hundred of our people accompanied same.

Deceased leaves a wife and three children, and to the bereavement of the entire community is extended.

PERILS OF THE FARM.

Danger in Some Occupations Besides
Railroading and Going to War.

"A newspaper endeavors to tell the exact truth without exaggeration," says the Pratt Republican, "but it cannot always verify each item of news which reaches the editorial room. For instance, a report comes from Haynesville township this week of a farmer who was picking corn, when he lost his balance. Just as he had reached the topmost ear, and plunged downward. After falling about twelve feet he caught onto an ear of a neighboring stalk and held on until some neighbors pushed a load of hay under him and he was rescued."

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RECEIVER ASKED FOR.

Oklahoma City Men After Rock Island Railroad.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 2.—A petition signed by every coal dealer, grain man, cotton dealer, flour shipper and lumberman in Oklahoma City was last night sent to President Roosevelt, asking that the Interstate commerce commission appoint a receiver for the Rock Island railway, and alleging that on account of the system's poor facilities for handling both freight and passenger traffic trade conditions suffered to an intolerable extent.

This action on the part of the dealers mentioned follows investigations made recently in the territory by John W. Gettman, a special agent. On account of the poor transportation facilities, the petition alleges the interests mentioned have suffered to an extent never before known, and that after repeated requests for relief from the railroad company, in that cars be furnished, no relief was given by the railroad, and matters went from bad to worse. Instances are given where in the railroad is charged with being negligent in the delivery of products of these interests, all of which is claimed by the petitioners to be due to the inefficiency of the railroad company.

The petition asks for a receiver for the company until such time as additional equipment is put into service for the proper handling of the freight offered Rock Island lines in Oklahoma and urges President Roosevelt to act at once.

BARTHOLOMEW & JAYNE, AGENT

For the J. I. Case Implement—Will
Ship in Engine and Plowing Outfit.

Charles G. Recht, western agent for the J. I. Case Threshing Machine company, was in Goodland this week, and stated to a reporter for this paper that his company had very recently made Bartholomew & Jayne of this city the local agents of that company, and that the company would very soon ship an engine and plowing outfit to this county for inspection, and also other machinery turned out by the Case factories.

The Case machinery has a great reputation and Bartholomew & Jayne will be pleased to show their line of machinery to all interested, just as soon as the shipment gets here.

PAYS HOLDUP PRICES.

Passengers Show Parallel of Rates Between
Mails and Express Charges.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Statistics compiled by representatives of the United Typothetae of America and the American Weekly Publishers' association, which organization is vigorously fighting the movement to increase the rates charged for second-class mail matter, show that the government is paying the railways three times as much on the average for the transportation of mail matter as the express companies pay the roads for like services. On the basis of the postmaster general's estimates the publishers assert that the government during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, will pay the roads almost \$22,000,000 more than the express companies would pay them for hauling an equal tonnage.

"One of the chief needs of the government is an expert traffic manager," said W. D. Boyce, a Chicago publisher, yesterday. "It then would get as the church is expected to be present good rates as the express companies."

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THIRTY PERISH IN WRECK

ROCK ISLAND MAIL TRAINS MET
HEAD-ON.

Five Cars Burn and Twenty-eight
Mexicans and Two Americans
Perish on Southwest Line.

Topeka, Jan. 2.—About thirty persons were killed and twenty-four injured in a wreck on the Rock Island between its Vista and Volland, Kan., in which trains No. 28, east-bound, and the second section of No. 29, west-bound, crashed together at about 8:50 o'clock Wednesday morning.

There were thirty-five Mexicans in the smoker on route from Columbus, Junction, Ohio, to Mexico. Nine dead and seven injured of these were taken from the smoker before the fire made rescue work impossible, the remaining nineteen of the thirty-five were burned in the ruins of the smoker, making in all twenty-eight dead Mexicans. The other two dead were white men, neither of whose names are available. One of the two white men killed was "bum" riding the blind baggage of No. 28. He was the only person killed on No. 28. The other white man was in the smoker of No. 29. None of the passengers on train No. 29 were injured and none of the baggage was damaged or left the track.

The engineer, McMahon, and the fireman, Brown, on No. 30 jumped and were not slightly injured. They were the only ones injured on that train. The engine crew of No. 29 also escaped by jumping. The engineer's name was Jack Slater. The fireman's name was Jack Slater. The fireman's name was Jack Slater. The fireman's name was Jack Slater.

Immediately after the collision fire broke out in the smoker, starting from gas lamps and in ten minutes after the accident occurred, the wreckage was enveloped in flames and rescue work was stopped. The wind carried the fire down the train and was not extinguished until the baggage cars, smoker, two chair cars and a Pullman were consumed.

The conductor's story.

The story related by William Galles, conductor of No. 28, the west-bound train which was just pulling out of Vista when No. 29 crashed into it, is as vivid an account of a wreck as is ever told.

Mr. Galles lay on a cot in the dining car on the way to Topeka, while he spoke. He had a broken shoulder blade, bruised face and a cut left hand. On the floor lay the two Mexicans, awaiting the ambulance.

"The train was just pulling clear of the Volland yards and was traveling about thirty miles an hour," said Galles. "I dropped into the front seat of the smoker and dozed."

"There were thirty-two Mexicans sitting two in a seat back of me, also Al Link, an interpreter, a foreman and five paid fares. I remember this well, because I glanced over the car to be sure that no one had gotten on at Volland."

Here Galles interrupted himself to turn over and cry with pain in his shoulder. He resumed his story.

"I was awakened by the air being set. I was thrown forward in the seat and instinctively and instantly threw up the window. I put my head back and saw the headlights on No. 29 about fifty feet in front of our engine."

"I jumped head first out of the window and struck on my shoulder. When I turned around and looked back at the train, I saw flames leaping fifty feet high from the smoker. God only knows what happened to those thirty-two Mexicans, who were sitting back of me, two in a seat."

According to a statement made by Mr. Hetherington, the cause of the wreck is due to the failure of John Lynes, the operator at Volland, to deliver the orders to train No. 29, instructing it to take the siding and wait for No. 28 at Volland. No. 29 stopped at Volland and receiving no orders pulled out. At a curve in a cut three miles west of Volland Engineer Slater caught sight of the other train. His train was climbing a grade and he was unable to bring it to a standstill before the crash came. The engineer of No. 29 evidently did not see the other train so soon and as he was going down grade was unable to check the speed very much. He and his fireman jumped and it is no known whether the air was applied or not but it is estimated that the train was going at the rate of forty miles an hour when the crash came.

Train No. 29 seems to have been the one that suffered most. The first official reports came to George B. Hetherington, chief clerk here of W. S. Tinsman, general superintendent. They were sent in by G. W. Rourke, superintendent of the Kansas division at Herington. Rourke went to the scene of the wreck and sent in his report from there. Tinsman is in Chicago.

C. A. Thompson, a passenger on No. 29, said:

"Conductor Galles was the hero in chief of the disaster. It was he, I have been told, who directed the men in the rescue work. I understand that they got every soul out of the two chair cars, before the fire grew too fierce. If we had had five minutes more, we could have saved everybody in the smoker who was not pinned down."

Galles, covered with blood and with one arm disabled, ran hither and thither, raving half the time and the other half telling the crowd what to do. It was he who ordered a man back to flag any train which might be behind us. It was he who suggested saving the rear Pullmans from burning.

"I took charge of saving the Pullmans. I got about thirty men together, mostly passengers from No. 28 and 29, and we got the Pullmans out at a time and pushed them free. The train was standing on a slight grade and it was not hard for us to start the cars. We had a man on each car to push on the wheels."

The injured were taken to Topeka on a relief train and conveyed to the Stormont hospital.

Apples for Sale.

Having sold my restaurant business to James Svoboda, I have a lot of fine seedling and early apples for sale. They are hand picked and good keepers. Jake Lemmer. Call at the restaurant.

For Sale.

Southwest quarter section 19-7-43, in Grant township, Sherman county, Kansas. Address George S. Pool, Ash Grove, Okla.

LEAN NEW YEAR'S RECEIPTS.

Cattle in Kansas City Market Scarce
and Prices Good.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Jan. 1.—The New Year is starting out with moderate cattle receipts and a good market. The supply yesterday was 9,000 head, and run today is 11,000, market a little stronger than the close of last week, and 25 to 40 cents above ten days ago on beef steers. Top today is \$8.25, bulk of steers \$4.50 to \$5.75, cows and heifers also selling strong, cows at \$2.50 to \$4.50, heifers \$2.25 to \$5.00, bulls \$2.50 to \$4.25, veals \$5.50 to \$7.50, stockers \$2.00 to \$4.40, feeders \$3.50 to \$4.00. The supply last week and so far this week has been smaller than was expected, which is the main reason for the higher prices. A normal run would not meet such a flattering reception, perhaps, but the good market is encouraging. The month of December showed a small gain in cattle and calves over December last year, and the year 1906 broke all former records at this point in receipts of cattle, calves, sheep and total carcasses of live stock. Prices have averaged higher this year than last, the run of grass cattle selling for \$100 or more per car than similar cattle sold at last year, hogs were higher, and the total valuation of all the live stock received here in 1906 aggregated more than 12,000,000, which likewise establishes a new record.

Hog run today is 10,000 head, market steady to a shade lower, top same as yesterday, \$4.45, which is the highest since October 20 last. Bulk of sales today was at \$6.12 1/2 to \$6.40. Receipts for December show a shortage of 22,000 head, or 15 per cent, as compared with December last year. Top hogs have sold at \$6.00 or above since the first week in February, and reached the highest point of the year, \$6.37 1/2 in June. Reliable information indicates that there will not be a normal run of hogs before the middle of this year, and prices are likely to remain high.

Sheep and lamb receipts have been fairly liberal lately, till today, when the supply is only 2,000 head, market lower. Prices were lower yesterday, owing to a part of the advance secured last week. Kansas fed western lambs sold today at \$7.50, Oklahoma fed western yearlings at \$6.25, wethers worth up to \$5.65, ewes \$3.35. Bulk lambs sold at \$7.10 to \$7.40. Total receipts of sheep and lambs for 1906 was 1,616,000 head, a gain of 300,000 head over the previous year, 1905.

R. T. Hemming of Brewster, Kan., is one of the pioneers of the northwestern part of that state. Mr. Hemming has been a resident of that country twenty-seven years, having located there long before there were any railroads or fences. He has quit raising stock, however, as they raised it when he went there, and he is now rated among the wealthy farmers of Thomas county. "And in all the years that I have spent out there," said Mr. Hemming, "I never saw such prosperous times as we are having now. Quarter sections of land that sold for \$450 a few years ago now bring \$1,000. Wheat raising, and in fact raising all kinds of grain, brought the country to the front. While the country is still thinly settled, it is filling up very fast. The wheat this fall looks the best I have ever seen it. The acreage is very large, and the ground has been well soaked, so that its growth all winter is assured. Last year more than twenty steam plows were put into that country, and the number will be increased another year. We use all kinds of modern machinery."

J. P. Cullen left Tuesday evening for a business trip to Kansas City.

INTO ELEGANT QUARTERS.

Goodland Clothing Company's New
Store—Dick Auer, Manager.

One of the finest advertisements which attaches to a store is a display window. And in this respect, the Goodland Clothing company, of which Dick Auer is manager, has a window that would certainly take the blue ribbon at the county fair. It is capacious, and fringed with fifty electric lights of four candle power each, and when the lights are turned on the place reminds one of a high-toned furnishing house in the cities. The window is provided with a large recess with an elevated floor, set with fine oak pedestals to display and do justice to the goods. It is an altogether laudable enterprise and one worthy of imitation.

The Goodland Clothing company is now nicely settled in its new quarters, the brick building between the Hodkinson and Stevenson places. The floors have been oiled to keep down dust, and a decorated steel ceiling and prism glass at the top of the front windows afford both an artistic and well lighted room. Depending from the ceiling at regular intervals, are three Glower electric lamps of forty candle power each. On the west side of the room are two auto ladders for the shoe and furnishing departments, the first conveniences of the kind for reaching high shelves that were ever brought to town. The ladders roll along the solid shelves of shoes, which in arrangement are attractive.

Mr. Auer already has two fine glass cases for displaying goods, but expects this week to receive more new fixtures, such as a glass hat case, eighteen feet long and eight feet high, doors ball-bearing; a plate mirror seven by three and one-half feet, which will be placed next to the hat case. When all these luxuries are installed, the store will present an elegant appearance indeed.

Mr. Auer claims to have the best clothing store in western Kansas. He is aiming at that distinction at least.

ORGANIZE A Y. W. C. A.

Ladies of Goodland are Anxious for
the Success of Their Association.

Under the leadership of Mrs. C. J. Willis, an organization of a Young Woman's Christian association was formed at the Christian church Sunday afternoon. And if those who are interested in the success of the association carry the work along, regular meetings of the association will be held weekly. The next meeting will be at the Christian church at 3 o'clock Sunday. The leader will be Miss Nellie Scott.

W. Y. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. organizations exist in many of the cities of the land, and do a great work for good, and the more energies that are at work for moral and religious edification in Goodland the better for all. And the young women of our city should lend a hand.

Travels 58,945 Miles in Rail Auto.

Charles J. Glidden has crossed the frontier into Mexico. He will proceed to Mexico City by way of the National Mexican line. Mr. Glidden and his party were at Waco, Tex., on December 19, and on December 26 he wired that he was at Laredo, having spent a green Christmas near the border. Mr. Glidden's total world mileage at Laredo was 38,945, and he had traveled in all, from Chicago, on the Rock Island railway tracks 4,019 miles.

Plymouthrock Boosters for Sale.

The finest full blood Plymouthrock and Brown Leghorn roosters in Sherman county for sale by Fred Hurd, section 32-7-48.

FISH SEES ROCKS AHEAD

INDUSTRIAL CRISIS COMING, SAYS
EX-RAILROAD PRESIDENT.

New York Stock Exchange No Longer
Free Market, It Is Declared—
Plaything of Cliques.

New York, Jan. 2.—Stuprenant Fish, who recently lost out as president of the Illinois Central, in a statement written for the Journal of Commerce, declares a great industrial crisis is due and there are many indications of its being imminent.

"Despite the unprecedented output of gold," Mr. Fish writes, "money is dear the world over and dear because of high prices and activity in trade."

Other causes for dear money are found in the fact that Great Britain has not fully made up its losses in the Boer war, that Japan and Russia, particularly the latter, have scarcely begun to recover from the effects of their war and that within the last year there have been—speculation as of capital due to the calamities in San Francisco and Valparaiso.

Turning to our own country, Mr. Fish writes that New York, especially that part known as Wall street, has absorbed and is absorbing more than its share of the loanable fund. Of the stock exchange, Mr. Fish says:

"The New York stock exchange has ceased to be a free market where buyer and seller fix prices through the ebb and flow of demand and supply and has become the plaything of a few managers of cliques and pools to such an extent that for months past every announcement of increased dividends, or of stock distribution, or of rights has been met by a fall in prices."

"The investing public is out of the market, not because of ventures in industrial or electric railways or in suburban real estate—speculation in each of which was checked months ago—nor yet because of the more recently pricked bubble in mining shares, but simply because of the distrust which even those possessed of ample means have of the methods of corporate finance now in vogue in New York. That Europe shares this distrust after those methods is shown by its outcry against the misuse of American finance bills."

Writing of the political possibilities Mr. Fish says that so far as the political parties are concerned no crisis can arise before the presidential contest of 1908. He says further:

"I take it, however, that your inquiry as to a political crisis, relative to other matters, and in that sense a political crisis is due and I think coming on. Indeed, it seems to me that we already are embarking on a long needed moral financial reformation which, like the religious reformation of the Middle Ages, will through much cruelty work out good in the end. To the need of such a reformation the public is fully awake."

The election of Mr. Hughes, Mr. Fish says, shows the temper of the people in this state, and he declares it is vastly stronger elsewhere.

Mentioned The Athenaeum.

The Athenaeum of Goodland, Kan., began life last September. It is studying Greek mythology, with parliamentary drill and a few timely topics on the side. The merit of this club is that it is doing a few things and doing them well. Its year-book is well planned and neat as nest—Kansas Club Member.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sherman County

Yes, we are in our New Store—come let us take you through and show you our system. We have not got all our goods in yet, but "ere" a fortnight passes away we will be the best equipped store in the northwest. We earnestly invite every man, woman and child to visit us in our new store. The manager, who was raised in this county, is truly proud of his store and hopes to make the people proud to have such a store in this country. Please look at our show window and if we deserve a compliment come in and tell us. We will be pleased to have you pass your opinion on our judgment. We wanted to please the people as well as ourselves.

More Business—Less Profit

That is what we are doing nowadays. We are going to have one of the biggest cut-down sales that was ever in Sherman county on all our clothing. This includes all men's and boys' wearing apparel, suits and overcoats. The public get the benefit in this sale, not only in price, but they get good, new up-to-date merchandise. Come in our new quarters and inspect every detail of our new system.

Our Shoe Dept.

Is one of the finest—and we pride ourselves on this department. Come in and see our automatic ladders work—the first of the kind that was ever in this part of the country.

Our stock of Shoes speak for themselves, as our sales tell the rest.



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Ladies' Wearing Apparel—30 Per Cent Off

Furs, Suits, Coats, Skirts, Petticoats, Cravettes, House Jackets, Waists, Kimonos. Ask any lady about our garments and they will tell you our Palmer Coats and Suits surpass any garments ever brought to Goodland. We especially invite the ladies, as we have a separate department for them, which gives time and opportunity to select them.

Goodland Clothing Company

RICHARD AUER, Manager

The Store for 1907

About a year ago, we told you what kind of a store you might expect here during the year that has just closed. Have you noticed how closely we lived up to every thing we told you—how we even exceeded the promises of good things which we made? Now let us tell you that we are still in our infancy—so to speak—that every year adds to our knowledge and that 1907 will see this a better store—a better store by far than we had in the year 1906. We invite your patronage on the basis of satisfaction. If we cannot serve you satisfactorily in every respect, we will not ask you to remain our patron. As an evidence of what we can do for you in quality and in saving, we call your attention to some of the items mentioned below.



Ladies' Wrappers Reduced

We have a large assortment of Ladies' Wrappers and House Dresses, and in order to move them off more rapidly, we have cut the price from 35c to 50c on the garment. They are good stock, made of fine quality Admiral 4-4 Percales and fine Flannels. We need the room and they must go.

\$1.25 Dressing Sashes \$1

These attractive Dressing Sashes are made of the quality Russian Velours. They are bargains at the original price, but they must go at \$1.00.

For Sale.

Southwest quarter section 19-7-43, in Grant township, Sherman county, Kansas. Address George S. Pool, Ash Grove, Okla.

Fall and Winter Waists Reduced

Our entire stock of Fall and Winter Waists—the Famous Bell Line go on sale this week at

20 Per Cent Discount

These will not last long. Come early.

\$1.50 Kimonos \$1.25

The beauty and style of these attractive Kimonos are so different from the ordinary, we do not expect them to last long at this price \$1.25

Black Satteen Petticoats Reduced

Our line of \$2.50 and \$4.00 Black Satteen Petticoats will be reduced 50c on the garment, for one week only. They are good stock, of the famous Waterloo Brand. These are bargains.



20 Per Cent Discount on Ladies' Cloaks

Just to add impetus to the trading and to start business off more briskly for the new year, we are going to sell all of our new style Ladies' and Misses' Cloaks at 20 per cent discount. There are not many of them, but every garment must be sold, as we do not want to carry them over to another season. We are willing to take the loss if you are willing to take the garments.

DAWSON & DAWSON

The Store that Saves You Money. Telephone 100